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Appointment of Inspector-General of Registration.

* 300 Q.—Sri ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the last appointment of the Inspector-General of Registration—

(a) whether it was the practice till now to appoint a senior District Registrar as the Inspector-General of Registration; and

(b) why it was not done so in this case?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir. The appointment to the post is made with reference to the provisions in rule 2 of the special rules for the Madras Registration Service.

" (b) Does not arise."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" For what period the present incumbent has been appointed Inspector-General? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" For a period of two years."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Was the Public Service Commission consulted under Article 220 of the Constitution? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Why was not the Service Commission consulted in the matter? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I just now explained that under rule 2 of the special rules, appointment to the post of Inspector-General of Registration is made by promotion from District Registrars or by recruitment by transfer from Deputy Collectors and Assistant Secretaries to Government. The appointment was made in accordance with recruitment by transfer from Assistant Secretaries to Government. Therefore the appointment was made without consultation with the Service Commission."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" May I know when the regulation was issued excluding the post from the Commission's purview. Was it before the appointment or after the Commission brought the irregularity to the notice of the Government? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Who was the Inspector-General from 1942–53? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Mr. Krishnamoorthi, I think."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Previously, it was a selection from District Registrars and others. In 1931–42, when Mr. Naidu was appointed, he belonged to the Deputy Collectors'

Grade. The question is whether it was not from these Deputy Collectors, District Registrars and Under Secretaries to Government that these appointments were made, and whether the present appointment is according to those rules?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"Yes, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"May I know whether the Government appoint any person whom they like and is that the best person in the opinion of the Government for the post?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"Government take into consideration several factors before they make the appointment."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

List of Government officers in all departments of the State under suspension.

29 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of Government officers in all departments of the State who are under suspension pending enquiry into the charges against them, showing the dates from which they have been under suspension and the reasons for delay, if any, in the disposal of each case?

A.—A list [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Expenditure for the development of rural water-supplies.

30 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing—

(*a*) the amount of money expended year by year for the development of rural water-supplies from 1953–54 up-to-date;

(*b*) the nature of improvements done to rural water-supplies;

(*c*) the number of new wells sunk, the number of old wells improved, the number of wells in which fresh water was struck, the number of wells in which water was not struck and the number of wells actually put in use and that are now in use from 1952 onwards;

(*d*) the number of wells sunk or dug in private properties; and

(*e*) the technical and administrative authorities who are responsible for the expenditure of money on the improvement of rural water-supplies?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 51–72 infra.**

[b] **Printed as Appendix III on page 73 infra.**